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Embtel 114. Department shares President's concern over Guatemalan situation but doubts communists be in position take over should Ydigoras assume power. At present, success of Junta in maintaining order admittedly doubtful but plan proposed by more or less neutral congressional group for calling new elections November 24 appears to have at least initial acceptance by Ydigoras.

Department feels strongly that Guatemalans must make own decisions in current situation and intervention in any form by neighboring or other states, no matter how well intentioned, would serve only make ultimate solution more difficult. However, Department is in close touch with Cruz-Salazar and through Ambassador Sparks has advised Guatemalan leaders their best interests will be served by continuing follow constitutional norms. Department has also pointed out any steps taken which would nullify progress gained during last three years would be setback not only for Guatemala but for free world. We also taking line calculated deter emergence any government with communist

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or extreme leftist taint.

Ambassador Sevilla-Sacasa today expressed to Rubottom great concern Nicaragua over events in Guatemala and Nicaragua fears that through their alliance with Ydigoras communists would gain strength in Guatemala. Urged US recognition Junta which would strengthen and enable it control situation. Stated non-intervention in Guatemala at this crucial time was tantamount to helping extreme left. Rubottom categorically stated that US strongly opposed intervention in Guatemala by any foreign country specifically including Nicaragua and that US cannot permit resurgence communism in Guatemala.

You may convey gist these views orally to President.

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